

# PARLEY'S RAILS, TRAILS AND TUNNELS [PRATT] COALITION MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday, January 22, 2008

**Time:** 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** Sprague Library located at 2131 South 1100 East in the Downstairs Meeting Room

**Co-Chair Conducting Meeting:** Vice Chair Geoff Ellis

## **PRATT Board Members**

Juan Arce-Larreta, Excused

Milton Braselton, not in attendance

Robin Carbaugh

Matt Dalton, not in attendance

Geoffrey Ellis

Josh Ewing, not in attendance

Karen Hale, not in attendance

Ken Jones

Rita Lund, Excused

Matt Sibul, Excused

Lynne Olson

Julie Peck-Dabling, Excused

Kim Paulding

Helen Peters, Excused

Suzanne Weaver

Others in attendance: Lex Hemphill,  
Michael G. Kavanagh, Walt Gilmore,  
Michael Florence, Steve Lester, Rick  
Johnston, Jonathan Updike, and Tamara

## *MINUTES*

### **1. Welcome, Introductions, Announcements and Recording of Volunteer Hours**

Geoff welcomed all in attendance.

### **2. Approval of December Minutes**

Minutes were not approved because there was not a quorum of PRATT Board members.

### **3. Report from Project Manager – Walt Gilmore**

Walt reported on the following:

- **Parley's Nature Park to Tanner Park** - The design work and preparation of construction documents for the Parley's Historic Park to Tanner Park will start at the end of February and will take about six months. The preliminary alignment has been reviewed by Salt Lake City. It is possible that we will be out to bid on this project by August and under construction by the end of the year. At the last PRATT Board meeting, H. W. Lochner reported out on the natural resources inventory.

Walt and Laynee Jones will attend the Sugar House Community Council Parks and Open Space Committee

- **The Draw at Sugar House** - The 1300 East Crossing Contract has been signed by all parties and a notice has been received by Baker Engineering and their sub-consultants. The pre kick-off meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23 at 3:00 p.m. in the large conference room in Walt's office. Geoff is invited to attend as well as a representative from the Sugarhouse Park Authority. The agenda for the kickoff meeting will be determined at the pre-meeting as well as who should attend the kick off meeting. Baker will attend the PRATT Board meeting in February to provide a status report. The final design and construction documents are being prepared to be put out to bid. A contract with Patricia Johanson and PRATT is being finalized; Attorney Kevin Smith from Salt Lake County needs to review the contract prior to being signed.

Walt has been working with John Spencer and Rick Graham from Salt Lake City on the valuation of the property that will be purchased from Woodbury Corporation. Walt has provided all the information John Spencer needs to complete the valuation. It is expected that we will have an estimated value of the property to be purchased in about 30 days. The Salt Lake City Open Space funds will remain available until used for the purchase.

- **Fairmont Park to the Jordan River Parkway** - Phase 5, which is the segment from Fairmont Park to the Jordan River will have an environmental clearance (Categorical Exclusion) study and preliminary design by Todd Perkins of Perkins Engineering. No more work will be done on this segment until more funding is secured. There will be a kick off meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in Walt's office at the Salt Lake County Government Center. Walt will send out E-mail invites to those who should attend from PRATT.
- **Sugar House Park Segment** - Plans, specifications and estimates have been provided for all parties by Walt including every Sugarhouse Park Authority Board member. A review meeting with the engineers will be held on Thursday. The schedule calls for plans to be available for bid in 2-3 weeks; 6-8 weeks for advertising; 30 days for contracting; and, then notice to proceed to a contractor approximately May 1<sup>st</sup> at the soonest. The Sugar House Park Authority is meeting on Thursday to vote upon the plan. Walt worked with Kevin Smith and will send information to Lex Hemphill and the Sugar House Park Authority Board prior to their meeting on Thursday.

Lex checked with Walt on the impact of construction on the west hill staging area. Walt indicated that construction would be completed by the end of fall. The east hill terrace will not be impacted.

#### 4. Executive Committee Update and Recommendations – Geoff Ellis

Discussion to include, but is not limited to:

- Executive Committee Membership
  - Karen Hale has resigned as Vice Chair for Governmental Affairs.
  - Kim Paulding has resigned as Vice Chair for Fundraising, but will remain on the PRATT Board
- Discussion of Roles and Responsibilities of PRATT Board members

Geoff will be contacting the Board members who have not been attending on a regular basis as well as those whose terms are expiring at the upcoming annual meeting to discuss options.

Rick Johnston is interested in serving on the PRATT Board and will be placed on the ballot

George Ramjoué – George is checking with his employer, Horrocks Engineering, to see if he can serve.

**Steve** Lester put his name forward for election to the Board.

An information sheet on the Roles and Responsibilities of PRATT Board members will be distributed via E-mail.

- Budget

We have funding to cover the follow segments:  
Parley's Nature Park to Tanner Park (\$2.7 - \$3.0M)  
Sugar House Park Trail Segment (under \$2.0M)  
Construction of The Draw at Sugar House (\$5.5M)

Funds need to be secured for the PRATT Trail from Fairmont Park to the Jordan River Parkway.

- Federal appropriation from Congress

Juan is contacting members of Utah's congressional delegation to discuss the feasibility of PRATT obtaining an appropriation from Congress to build the rest of the trail.

- Interns

Interns have been valuable to PRATT in the past. We will explore more opportunities for paid interns if funds allow.

- Executive Director

We do not have funds to pay for such a position.

- Directors and Officers Insurance

The Executive Committee recommended the purchase of such insurance. Without a quorum of members in attendance, the Board did not vote on that recommendation.

## 5. Legislative Report

Kim Paulding reported what she remembered from the discussion:

- We are waiting to learn about the Governor's recommendation for Trails and Pathways funding
- \$2.5M has been proposed for the LeRay McAllister Fund
- HB 104 (sponsor Rep. K. Holdaway) designates \$500,000 annually for urban trails

Lynne will provide information on how to contact your representative and senator. Lynne sends out information to trails supporters around the state on the E-mail list that John Knudson established a number of years ago.

## 6. Vice Chair Reports (3 minutes each)

- **Robin Carbaugh - Vice-Chair for Westside Project Coordination**

Walt and Robin attended a meeting with representatives of South Salt Lake on the Andy Avenue Trail alignment. The south side of Andy Avenue is the best alignment for the PRATT Trail. There is a parcel for sale on Andy Avenue that we should inquire as to the selling price. It should be noted that South Salt Lake has their utility alignment on the north side.

Robin would like to continue to meet with Michael Florence, Walt and Rick to look at the State Street crossing for the next phase. Brainstorming

will need to occur on how to cross 700 East and State Street along with other crossings. The design for the all the crossings are part of the scope for Perkins Engineering.

Walt received a call from Jim Webb at UTA and he indicated that the plans are nearly completed for the bridge up and over Roper Yard. There is a challenge at 900 West where we might have some opportunities. UTA needs a road to access a station east of 900 West that they are planning. UTA proposes that they use the PRATT Trail to access that station about once a month at night.

- **Geoff Ellis - Vice-Chair for Eastside Project Coordination**

Reported earlier.

- **Karen Hale - Vice-Chair for Government Relations**

No report.

- **Lynne Olson - Vice-Chair for Outreach & Public Relations**

We have been invited to submit an article for the Salt Lake City Council 7 newsletter. PRATT has been included South Salt Lake visioning process. Lynne provided PRATT brochures for people to hand out.

- **Kim Paulding - Vice-Chair for Fundraising**

Annual Fund appeal – Suzanne will provide update as part of Treasurer’s Report.

The Committee is working on an application to the Salt Lake County Open Space Advisory Board to obtain funds.

- **Helen M. Peters – Secretary**

Helen is excused from the meeting.

- **Suzanne Weaver – Treasurer**

Checking balance \$5,198.52

Savings balance \$29,233.62; a majority of the funds are restricted.

\$5,000 REI funds for signage has not been spent; only \$398.55 has been spent on signage that is currently in place. Walt indicated that he would like to use it for signage on other segments of the Trail.

Annual appeal - \$365 in December; 15 donors responded to our annual appeal  
\$1,225.00 in January  
Lance Hobbs' company is going to match his donation

For reference, Suzanne provided each board member with a copy of the check register and the allocation of restricted funds in the savings account.

## **7. Other Business**

Lynne asked about the wash out on north side the Trail south of I-80 due to a road drainage problem. Walt will check with UDOT for help with repairs. UDOT will repair the curb that causes the problem in the spring.

It is calculated that there were approximately 1,190 hours donated to PRATT last year for a value of \$22,367 at approximately \$18.00 per hour. Keep track of volunteer hours as they are used as match for funds.

## **8. Next Meeting**

PRATT meetings will now be changed to the fourth Wednesday of each month from 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. at the Salt Lake County Government Center.

Date: Wednesday, February 27th

Time: 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Place: Salt Lake County Government Center at 2001 South State Street, S1002

2008 Dates for the PRATT Board Meetings:

March 26<sup>th</sup>

April 23<sup>rd</sup>

May 28<sup>th</sup>

June 25th (Room S3009)

July 23<sup>rd</sup>

August 27<sup>th</sup>

September 24<sup>th</sup>

October 22nd (Room S3009)

November 26<sup>th</sup>

December 24<sup>th</sup> (will be changed closer to the date)